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IN CONNECTION WITH MAY CONCERTS IN ROMANIA BY MISSISSIPPI DELTA
BLUES BAND: POST SUGGESTS VOA CONSIDER USING FOLLOWING ITEM:
THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA BLUES BAND IS COMING TO ROMANIA FOR A TEN-
DAY PERFORMANCE TOUR IN THE FIRST PART OF MAY. THEY WILL PLAY
AT THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN BUCHAREST ON MAY 3 AT 1600 AND AGAIN
AT 1930. IN ADDITION, ARIA, THE ROMANIAN STATE IMPRESARIAT, IS
SPONSORING CONCERTS BETWEEN APRIL 30 AND MAY 10 IN BUCHAREST,
GALATI, CONSTANTA, PLOIESTI, IASI AND BRASOV. THE MISSISSIPPI
DELTA BLUES BAND IS BASED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND HAS BEEN
ON AN EXTENSIVE EUROPEAN TOUR WHICH INCLUDES PERFORMANCES IN
BULGARIA, FRANCE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL AND SWEDEN AS WELL AS ROMANIA.
BLUES, THE MUSIC WHICH THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA BLUES BAND PLAYS, IS
THE MOST PURELY INDIGENOUS FORM OF AMERICAN MUSIC. ITS ROOTS ARE
IN THE HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE OF BLACK AMERICANS FROM THE DEEP
SOUTH, ALTHOUGH THE BLUES HAS CHANGED MUCH IN RECENT YEARS AS
BLACKS HAVE MOVED FROM THE RURAL SOUTH TO THE URBAN, INDUSTRIAL-
IZED NORTH. IN THE PROCESS AND GROWTH, THE BLUES HAS INFLUENCED
MOST POPULAR MUSIC - ROCK'N' ROLL, COUNTRY AND WESTERN, BLUE-
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GRASS, WHILE REMAINING POPULAR IN ITS OWN RIGHT. MUSICALLY,
THE BLUES DISTINGUISHES ITSELF BY THE FLATTING OF THE THIRD,
FIFTH AND SEVENTH NOTES OF THE MAJOR SCALE; THESE NOTES ARE
DIMINISHED TO PRODUCE CHORDS THAT CAN ONLY COME TOGETHER IN
QUARTER TONES. BLUES ALSO HAS A DISTINCTIVE RHYTHM AND HARMONY,
THE RESULT OF WHICH IS ALTERNATIVELY HAPPY, SAD, BLITHE,
PROFOUND, FLIPPANT, TOUCHING AND ALWAYS INTENSIVELY PERSONAL.

THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA BLUES BAND CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF BLUES MUSIC FROM AMERICA'S DEEP SOUTH, LARGELY BECAUSE ITS MUSICIANS ARE NATIVE TO THAT AREA. THEY ALL ARE VOCALISTS, AS WELL AS EXPERTS ON THE MOUTH HARP (HARMONICA), GUITAR, BASS AND DRUMS. THEIR REPERTOIRE INCLUDES BOTH TRADITIONAL AND MODERN PIECES, PERFORMED WITH GREAT AUTHENTICITY. THEIR LONG PERFORMING EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES HAS WON THEM WARM CRITICAL AND POPULAR ACCLAIM. A REMINDER THAT PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD IN THE AMERICAN LIBRARY, STRADA ALEXANDRU SAHIA 7-9 IN BUCHAREST, AT 1600 AND 1930 ON MAY 3, FOLLOWED BY APPEARANCES BETWEEN MAY 4 AND 11 IN GALATI, CONSTANTA, PLOIESTI, IASI, BRASOV AND BUCHAREST.

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